

'L' System Slow Zone Map

November 2024

"Slow zones" are areas of track where trains are required to operate at slower-than-normal speeds due to certain track conditions and other temporary concerns. Track conditions can develop on railways from age, weather and other sometimes unpredictable forces that cause distress or deterioration on track components. Slow zones can also be implemented due to nearby construction work, which can last for weeks or even months.

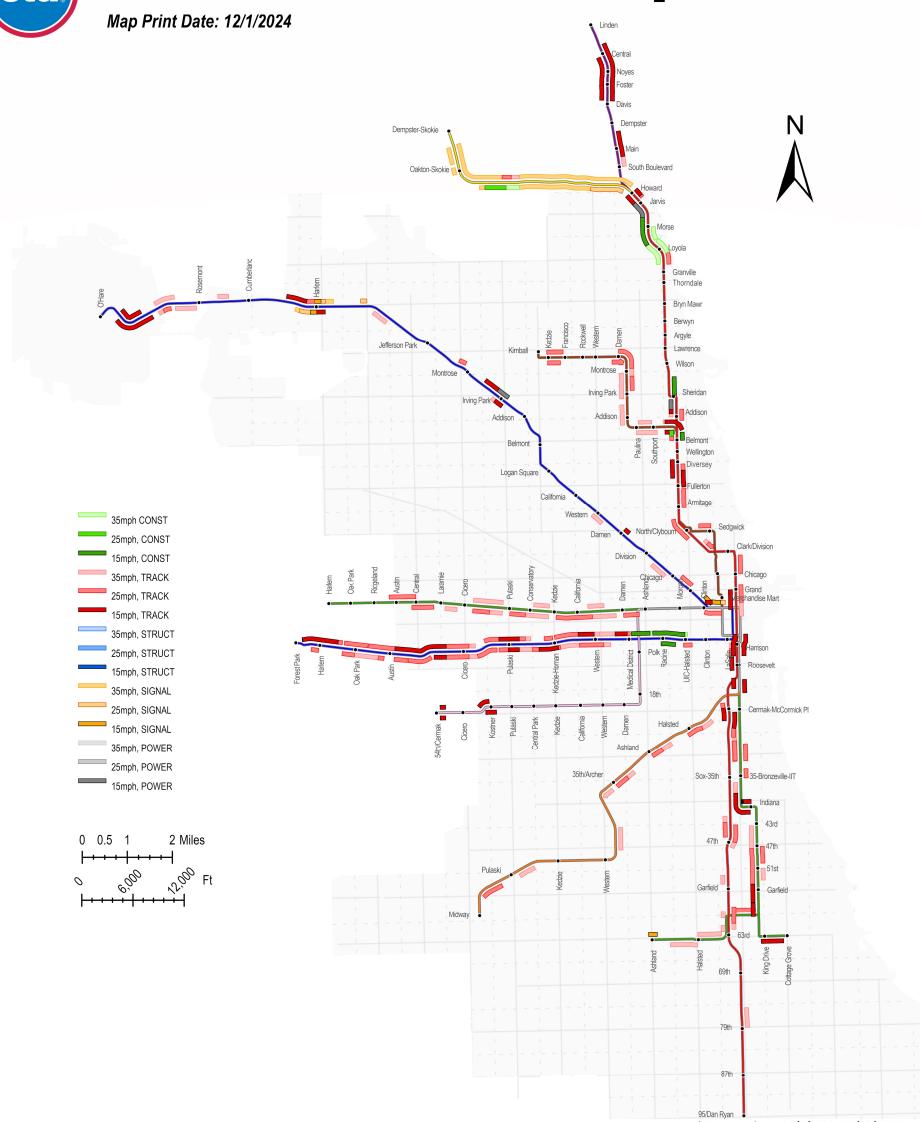
With more than 225 miles of CTA track, slow zones are constantly changing and evolving: As crews repair one section of track, new slow zones can be instituted if track inspectors detect new signs of deterioration somewhere or as an upgrade project begins on our system.

As a result, the percentage of slow zones across our system vary from month to month.

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CTA Slow Zone Map



Line Color	Total Slow Zone	Total Length	% Slow Zone
BLUE	115,597	295,009	39.2%
RED	43,001	242,711	17.7%
YELLOW	41,731	51,330	81.3%
PURPLE	5,405	77,784	6.9%
LOOP	1,453	21,419	6.8%
BROWN	23,840	96,171	24.8%
ORANGE	16,492	103,018	16.0%
GREEN	62,961	199,168	31.6%
PINK	2,046	77,613	2.6%
	312,526	1,164,223	26.8%

Area To Be Removed	15 MPH	25 MPH	35 MPH	Total Slow Zone
TRACK	73,495	112,766	107,037	293,298
SIGNAL	5,612	11,211	68,209	85,032
POWER	3,159	275		3,434
CONSTRUCTION	12,377	2,198	5,096	19,671
	94,643	126,450	180,342	401,435

					* Between dates: 11/1/2024 - 11/30/2024				
Branch Name	15 MPH	25 MPH	35 MPH	Total Slow Zone	Total Length	% Slow Zone	Slow Zone Added*	Slow Zone Removed*	
Congress	23,191	30,173	19,047	72,411	93,771	77.2%	4,794		
O'Hare/Logan Square	12,053	7,713	16,437	36,203	155,568	23.3%	24,929		
Dearborn Subway	3,560	1,673	1,750	6,983	45,670	15.3%	1,355		
North Main Line	10,827	3,395	1,461	15,683	84,286	18.6%	2,404	3,861	
State Subway	2,918	7,110	2,729	12,757	48,426	26.3%			
Dan Ryan	2,648	5,913	6,000	14,561	109,999	13.2%	445		
Skokie		6,110	35,621	41,731	51,330	81.3%			
Evanston	2,436			2,436	40,704	6.0%		12,339	
Evanston Express	1,660		1,309	2,969	37,080	8.0%		2,370	
Loop		1,453		1,453	21,419	6.8%			
Ravenswood/Ravenswood-Loop	4,641	10,180	9,019	23,840	96,171	24.8%	1,623	1,220	
Midway/Grand Junction	2,203	5,903	8,386	16,492	103,018	16.0%	451		
Lake	2,616	10,347	13,750	26,713	91,955	29.1%			
South Loop/South Main Line	10,148	10,081	6,166	26,395	65,403	40.4%			
Englewood	786	1,811	5,096	7,693	30,292	25.4%			
Jackson Park	2,160			2,160	11,518	18.8%			
Douglas/Connector	2,046			2,046	77,613	2.6%			
	83,893	101,862	126,771	312,526	1,164,223	26.8%	36,001	19,790	

Note: 1. Unless otherwise specified, all measurements above are displayed in linear feet.

^{2.} Multiple slow zones due to different root causes and different departments can potentially overlap. Therefore, the system-wide total slow zone length by department (area to be removed) may add to a higher number than the total slow zone length in effect on each branch.